November 12, 2023







32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 PM Sunday 8 AM & 10 AM Tuesday—Friday 7:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or by appointment.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Hearing devices are available. See s for additional information, especially for hearing aids paired with Bluetooth.

THE ROSARY

Prayed before each weekday Mass Tuesday - Friday beginning at 7:05 AM.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday 8 AM - 3 PM

Contact the parish office to register, schedule a baptism, schedule a wedding (six months notice required), and to request the Sacrament of the Sick.

SCRIP

Scrip is sold before and after all weekend Masses and in the parish office on Fridays from 8 AM - 3 PM.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Requests are due to the office by Monday in written format.

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OUR MISSION

Mary, Mother of the Church parishioners are called to be the People of God, formed by the Holy Word and nourished by the Holy Eucharist. We joyfully share our faith and gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We are committed to serve all God's people in the building of the Kingdom.

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November Book of Remembrance

Beginning with the Feasts of All Saints (Nov. 1) and All Souls (Nov. 2) – the Family of God remembers the souls of our departed loved ones. MMOC records the names of parishioners who have died in the previous 12 months in our Book of Remembrance. Everyone is invited to pray for them and to write the names of their own loved ones whose funerals have been in other places, especially those who have died in the last year. The Book of Remembrance is in a place of honor near the Easter Paschal Candle for the majority of the month of November.

Remembering Holy Souls in November

In the month of November we remember the souls of our faithfully departed, especially those whose funerals were had at MMOC from Oct. 2022 - Oct. 2023.

Jane Poss Richard "Dick" Dee Richard "Dick" Branson Marie Meyers Elizabeth Brewer Jerome "Jerry" Roesler Clifford Johnson Rose Pittman Marie Brandau Janice Veglahn Dolores "Dee" Smikla Phillip Hahn Alfred Smerud Patricia "Pat" Senn Steve Pitsch Iris Topp Carol Marx Kathryn Steele Lois Guggenbuehl Myron Gierszewski

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Pictures in Memory of Loved Ones

Thank you to everyone who shared pictures of your loved ones. Your pictures are in the gathering space of the church to be picked up.

Silver Circle - Nov. 16 Noon Potluck

So what are we doing for our unsheltered population? Come and hear Sandy Brekke share her lived experience. Sandy was the St. Clare Health Mission administrator for 10 plus years. She does first hand nursing to the people on the street and in the parks. She has connections with multiple agencies in La Crosse who are all working together to make a difference for the homeless. If the St. Clare Mobile Medical bus is not out helping people, we will have it here for you to see.

Angel Tree 2023

The tree will be up and decorated with angels in the gathering space starting Nov. 19. As in the past, each angel will have a dollar amount attached. You have the opportunity to donate cash or check, or purchase scrip of your choice in that amount and place it in the box. All angels and donations need to be returned by December 3. This project is designed to help Catholic

Charities provide for families in need during the Christmas season. Thank you for always being so generous.

Angel Tree Volunteers

We are in need of organizers. Responsibilities include working with Catholic Charities to identify the Scrip needs of the families they serve and organizing volunteers to assist at weekend Masses. Julie Marthaler and Jane Vogel are available for more information and to assist in this transition; we are grateful for their of leadership. Please contact the parish office at secretery@mmoclacrosse.org or 788-5483 x1 for more info.

Mobile Meals Volunteers/Coordinator Needed

This is our last week for delivering Mobile Meals this year. Volunteers needed Nov. 20 - Nov. 26. The parish is still in need of a Coordinator. I can answer any questions you may have. Please consider being the Coordinator! — Sue Moyle @ 608-787-0076.

Handbell Rehearsals

Anyone in 3rd grade and older is welcome to give it a try. Rehearsal will be on Friday, November 17 from 3:45 - 4:30 PM in the music room, lower level of the Parish Hall. No musical knowledge is required. Performances are scheduled when it works into the group's calendar. We might play for Catholic Schools Week at 10:00 AM Mass on January 28 or the First Communion Mass at 12:30 PM on Sunday, April 14.

Thanksgiving Day

Mass will be offered on Thursday, November 23 at 9:00 AM. Let us come together to give thanks to God! There will be no Mass Friday, November 24. Liturgical ministries are needed for this Mass. Please go to www.mmoclacrosse.org and click on the Ministry Scheduler link at the top of the page, or call Steve at 788-5483, ext. 1.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

It is that time of the season when all bulletin items are due earlier than Mondays.

Bulletin for:

- Nov. 26 due by Friday, Nov. 17
- Dec. 24 due by Friday, Dec. 15

A Night with St. Nicholas



Join us for an evening with St. Nicholas. This family event will be held on the eve of the feast of St. Nicholas, Tuesday, December 5, from 6 – 7 PM at Mary, Mother of



the Church in the parish hall. The event will include singing, crafts, games and treats along with a visit from St. Nicholas himself! All children ages 3 to 7 are welcome to attend with their families. Older siblings are welcome too! There is no cost to this event but to help us better plan, please let us know how many children are coming by registering using the QR code. Contact Kristin with any questions. (788-5483, ext. 4 or kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org).

Family Life

Coffee and Kids - Nov. 17

Calling all parents, please join us on the third Friday of

Mary, Mother of the Church

each month for coffee and conversation as our children play! We will meet from 8:30-10:30 AM in the lower level of the parish hall Room E. Coffee and snacks will be provided. If you have any questions please call BrieAnn McKenna 319-230-0895. We're looking forward to seeing you Friday, Nov. 17!

PCCW

PCCW Monthly Meeting

The PCCW meets on Monday, November 13 at 6 PM. All ladies of the parish are invited to join as a group in support of each other and our community. Come and find out about a great opportunity for us to help with a new program for families with children preparing to receive the sacraments for the first time. Hope to see you all there. Refreshments available too!

— Rita Sanchez, PCCW President

Advent Luncheon

Please join us for Christian fellowship with our neighbors (Good Shepherd and Our Redeemer Lutheran Churches) for our annual Advent Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 11 AM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. A free-will offering will be collected for the local program *Come For Supper*. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church to indicate if you are attending.

Social Justice

Donate to Help the Victims of Violence in the Holy Land



Catholic Relief Services, in conjunction with Caritas partners, are working to meet the desperate humanitarian needs caused by the terrorism and fighting in the Holy Land. To learn how you can help, visit ww.crs.org or scan the QR code.

Warming Center Volunteers on Tuesday, Nov. 21 <u>Food & Milk:</u> (to be delivered to 413 S. 3rd St. by 6:30 PM): Pattie Nimocks, Tracy Mullaney, Joan Weissenberger, Anne Hensley, Pam Schelfhout

Intake: (6:30 PM - 9 PM) Mary Olson, Sarah Kopski, Russ O'Neil, Tammy Byington, Charlene Krocker, OPEN

<u>Morning Volunteers:</u> (6 - 8:30 AM Wed.) Brad & Lynn Sturm, Tracy Mullaney

Free haircuts by Linda Kuehl

--Mary Olson, MMOC Coordinator for Warming Center, molson@mmoclacrosse.org.

Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation meets this Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 5:30 PM - 6 45 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church. We will be exploring our next monthly topic: Jesus my Friend and Savior. Families will also receive new packets with at home lessons. Contact Kristin with any questions. (kjohnson@mmoclacrosse.org or 788-5483, ext. 4).

Eucharistic Revival

Two Minutes With Jesus

1. Eucharist means thanksgiving.

When we receive Jesus, we want to receive Him sincerely and thank Him for the total gift of Himself to us – the greatest Gift possible. When receiving Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Jesus Christ and then we give heartfelt thanks to God for this tremendous blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of Himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life with Himself in Heaven. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, help me to have a grateful heart, most especially to our Heavenly Father, to You, and to the Holy Spirit. This week read how St. Peter speaks words of thanksgiving for all that God our Father has done for us through Jesus Christ in 1 Peter 1:3-9.

2. Receiving the Eucharist – Our Closest Union with Jesus on Earth.

The Mass is a representation of the Holy Sacrifice that Jesus made of Himself on the cross for our salvation. Because God is outside time and space, at Mass the same sacrifice that Jesus offered for our sins is made present. When we receive Holy Communion at Mass, we are receiving Jesus Himself, which is our closest union with Him on earth. Taking His Body and Blood into our own bodies, we are united with Him in a deep and intimate bond. Jesus feeds our souls, strengthening us to be faithful by loving and serving Him through serving others, most especially those in need. Let's pray this right now and every day this week: Jesus, please strengthen me to be committed to coming to Mass early so that I can spend some time quietly preparing to be united with You in Holy Communion. Jesus, thank you for the profound Gift of the Holy Eucharist. This week read the words of Jesus about remaining in Him and He in us in John 6:54-58.

Community Events

A Place of Grace Benefit

A benefit concert for A Place of Grace will be held at 2 PM on Sunday, Nov. 19, at San Damiano Chapel, 900 Viterbo Dr., La Crosse. Music will be provided by Prairie Smoke and Fr. Conrad Targonski and Polly Pappadopolos with an introduction by Tom Thibedeau. There is no admission but monetary and non-perishable food donations will be joyfully accepted. The concert is open to everyone and the building is handicap accessible.

Knights of Columbus Turkey Shoot

Guess what? It's that time of year again and they're back. Time to dust off your gear for hunting those elusive La Crosse Area Gobblers, aka Turkeys. On Sunday, Nov. 12, we will be holding our biggest fundraising event of the year from Noon till 5 PM. Come to the VFW in La Crosse and try your luck at various games of chance and skill. Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for a chance to win up to \$2,500. Doors open at 11:30 and a donation of \$5 is being asked, which will go for food and beverages while it lasts and a chance at a drawing for door prizes. For more information or tickets call Terry Stika at 397-3009.

Advent Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Please use the parking lot or side streets. Please keep the Drop Off Area for those with special needs. Use the Losey Blvd. entrance.

Visit or have a photo with St. Nick or our Living Advent Candles. There will be Raffle Baskets (drawing at 1:45, need not be present to win), Giving Tree, Children's Secret Store, Grandma's Pantry, Cache of Jewelry, Catholic Family Room, Attic Treasures, Book Nook (with kids corner while you shop).

St. Lucy Cinnamon Rolls from 8:00 ÅM - 10:00 AM. Join us for lunch from 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM. Lunch is \$5 and includes: pulled pork / bun (add your own sauce), chips, cookie & beverage.

This week on Formed

Video Series: St. Teresa of Avila | True Reformers

Audio: Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn

Book Club Pick: Chance or the Dance by Thomas Howard

Kids: Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego - Littlest Saints

Visit: <u>www.formed.org</u>, Click Sign up and search for "Mary, Mother of the Church LaCrosse," and provide your email address. Mobile apps are also available!

Weekly Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 7:30 AM **† Jim Volden** By Shelley Klos Vegel Wednesday, November 15, 2023 7:30 AM **† Ron Weise** By Toni Weise Thursday, November 16, 2023 7:30 AM **† Donald Bowman Bv** Family 2:00 PM Word Service with Communion at Hillview **Health Care Center** Friday, November 17, 2023 7:30 AM **† Deacon Sage By Friends** Saturday, November 18, 2023 4:00 PM **† Marie Meyers** By Roger & Carol Forer, Paul & Ruth Fairbanks, and Gloria Biesen Sunday, November 19, 2023 8:00 AM **† Henry & Visla Kadrmas** Rod & Bev Kadrmas 10:00 AM Pro Populo



Eucharistic Revival



Liturgical Roles Nov. 18-19

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Minister of Ho	oly Communion
4:00 PM	Deacon Terry Bell, Mark Misch, Mark Outzen
8:00 AM	Deacon Terry Bell, Gloria Biesen, Anita Olson
10:00 AM	Deacon Terry Bell, Rita Sanchez, Fred Berneking
Lector	
4:00 PM	OPEN, OPEN
8:00 AM	Bob Mahr, Donna Keogh
10:00 AM	Mary Olson, Nancy Steinhoff
Server	Mary Cloch, Marloy Cloimfor
4:00 PM	Keegan Gerling, Izzy Schelfhout
8:00 AM	Ryann Klar, Matthew Klar
10:00 AM	Ella Krejchik, OPEN
Cantor	
4:00 PM	Peter Schmitz
8:00 AM	Lisa Conzemius
10:00 AM	
Musician	Mary Kulas
4:00 PM	Haylaa Dagankanf
	Haylee Pagenkopf Bridget Baumeister
8:00 AM 10:00 AM	0
	Bridget Baumeister
Sacristan	Mike Muenceh
4:00 PM	Mike Wuensch
8:00 AM	Kerry Groetsch, Sue Groetsch
10:00 AM	OPEN
Gift Bearer	
4:00 PM	George Bell, Maggie Bell
8:00 AM	Erin Klar, Steve Klar
10:00 AM	OPEN, Lucas Shelfhout
Greeters	
4:00 PM	Kevin Moyle, Neil Kumm, Joe Riemer, Olivia Rudie, Phil Watson, Patrick Hogan, Steve Schaub, Linda Gillette-Lead
8:00 AM	OPEN, Cindy Klar, Peggy Baumler, Jonathan Baumler, OPEN, Jackson Harpenau, Jack Branson, Bob Klar- Lead
10:00 AM	OPEN, Matt Binsfeld, Elly Binsfeld, Megan Binsfeld, Anna Binsfeld, Chuck Berendes, Charlotte Ber- endes, Polly Berendes - Lead
Hospitality	
8:00 AM	Ken & Michelle Morrison
10:00 AM	Johanna Bell, OPEN
Scrip Sellers	
4:00 PM	Kellie Schmitz, Dee Sauer
8:00 AM	Bob & Charlene Jansky
10:00 AM	OPEN, Sheri Skelton
Live Streamer	
4:00 PM	Joseph van Oss

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Diocesan Annual Appeal

"Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord is not easily broken." Every household should have received a mailing to support the needs of the local Church and beyond. Please take a moment to read the material and say the prayer. Then make your decision on this year's effort: Let's act quickly and do our part as Mary, Mother of the Church!

The target goal for our parish is \$110,420. Parish participation is at 18%. Please be generous. If you are unable to contribute financially, all is well. Please return the appeal form with \$0 written in the amount pledged line. Thank you!





While everyone deserves an advocate and political differences are acceptable, we need to check our "us/ them" thoughts and words. In the end, all lives matter. In the beginning, middle, and end, Jesus says, "Love one another as I love you" (John 13:34). Let's make a difference in the world today.

A Prayer for Peace in Israel and Gaza

Heavenly Father, we pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Isra-el.

We pray especially for those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies. Strengthen and support the work of all relief organizations.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us as we pray in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

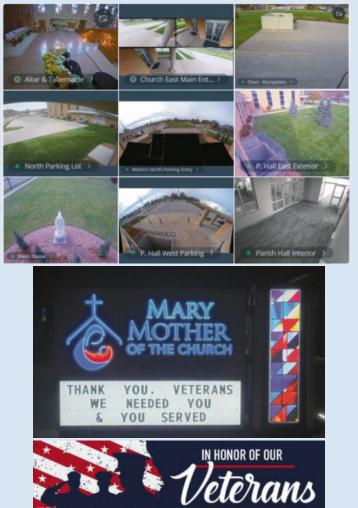
Buildings & Grounds Update

One of the final items on our Building Our Future Together "wish list" has been completed: installing security cameras and exterior key fobs. A key fob is an electronic small security hardware device that is put on a key chain with built-in authentication used to control and secure access to our exterior doors. This system is user friendly, and if a staff member or parishioner loses their fob this almost eliminates the need to "re-key" the entire facility.

MMOC now has 13 cameras that can chronicle any vandalism or suspicious activity. These cameras will not deter all vandalism but will keep the "smart offender" away and allow us to track and provide proof against an offender who disregards our cameras. The exterior cameras view 95% of all visitors approaching any of our buildings. Two of the 13 cameras are located within the church and the parish hall hallway.

The church camera located behind the south speaker tower in the sanctuary allows visibility to anyone approaching the altar and tabernacle. The parish hall hallway allows the front office staff and lower level staff to view visitors arriving for appointments or meetings. Parish staff have "panic buttons" to trigger which notifies La Crosse emergency dispatch in the event of a possible situation.

Thank you for the generosity that is bringing greater security to our campus. — Andy Foley





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